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Mr. Arthur M. Hill
Chairman
National Security Resources Board
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hill:

Since our telephone conversation, I have personally checked on the "case of the missing 1200 books". I now find that these 1200 books will have to be retained for an unpredictable period of time, as they are essential for use in our studies of basic intelligence which we are producing for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

These volumes deal almost entirely with foreign intelligence, and as they comprise less than two percent of the total number of 70,000 odd volumes in the library, I feel sure their retention by us will not cause you any undue hardship. Of course, these volumes will be available for loan or consultation should they be needed by your Board for temporary use.

Thank you very much for your consideration in this matter.

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Very sincerely,

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